

# Parishes of Narraghmore & Moone

*The Faith Communities of:*



*Ballymount, Crookstown, Kilmead & Moone*

Parish Bulletin - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - 13th April 2025

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### MASS TIMES

**MOONE TUESDAY 10AM** - Liturgy of the Word  
with Holy Communion

**MASS TIMES IN NARRAGHMORE & MOONE**

**ST JOSEPH'S BALLYMOUNT:** Sunday 8:30am

**SS MARY & LAWRENCE CROOKSTOWN:**  
Saturday 7pm (Vigil)  
Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am

**ST ITA'S KILMEAD:** Sunday 10.30am  
Mass is celebrated most weekdays at 10am  
but is subject to change

**MOONE TUESDAY 10AM** - Liturgy of the Word  
with Holy Communion

**MOST BLESSED TRINITY MOONE:**  
Sunday 12noon. Holy Day: 11am

### Easter Schedule

The Easter Schedule is available at the  
back of the Church, on our website  
[narraghmoreandmoone.ie](http://narraghmoreandmoone.ie) and on our  
Facebook page.

### Holy Hour Crookstown

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
with confessions is on Tuesday evening  
**15th April from 7pm-8pm.**  
All are welcome .

### Easter Sunday Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will take place on  
Easter Sunday 20th April at 10:00am in  
Crookstown Church. If there are  
children/ families who wish to be  
involved in the liturgy please contact  
Natasha Geoghegan on 087 67 30 300.  
All are welcome.

### Priory Institute - Online Lenten Retreat

The Priory Institute are offering a free of  
charge online Lent Retreat featuring a  
series of online reflections given over the  
Easter Tridium and Easter Sunday. Retreat  
is led by Fr. Bill O' Shaughnessy. The  
course consists of four 20 minute recorded  
presentations that will become available  
from Holy Thursday, the last one on Easter  
Sunday. It's free of charge. For more  
information visit their website on  
[prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

### INTENTIONS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Larry O'Brien  
Anna O'Toole,  
John Brown  
Seán (Seánie) Byrne

#### CROOKSTOWN 7PM

John Joe Walsh (A)  
James O'Rourke (A)

#### Ballymount 8:30am

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
Larry O'Brien, Anna O'Toole,  
John Brown & Seán (Seánie) Byrne

#### Kilmead 10:30am

Tommy Hurley (4<sup>th</sup> A)

#### MOONE 12:00NOON

Michael, Bridie & D. C. Byrne -  
Foxhill (A)  
Christopher Riordan  
Joan Burke



**St Laurence's Camogie Club**



# 5K FUN RUN/WALK

Join us for our 5k Run or Walk Fundraiser. All Welcome

**!NEW DATE!**  
**BANK HOLIDAY**  
**MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

Old Hardware, Narraghmore  
Starting at 12pm

**Register on day from 11.30 am**  
Adults - €10  
Children - €5

### Holy Week prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ, you became human and took on the realities of humanity in our world. During Your life on earth. You gave hope, perspective and salvation to many.

Your words are challenging and uplifting, encouraging and guiding. At the end of your earthly life here in our world, You took upon all suffering and made the cross a sign of hope. At this time when the whole world is suffering, when people are isolated and left to themselves, when people mourn for their loved ones, where people are sacrificing their physical and psychological strength to help others. We pray in solidarity and entrust ourselves to you. Amen

### CATECHETICAL CORNER – DO I HAVE TO?

I wonder how many times parents have heard the question, ‘do I have to? ‘Clean your room’. ‘Do I have to; can you just do it?’. ‘Empty the dishwasher’. ‘Do I have to...?’ Children can be reluctant to do what is good for them. Be it eating healthy or learning the discipline and responsibility associated with household chores. As Christians we can also be reluctant to do what is good for us. ‘Help the poor’. ‘Do I have to; can You just do it?’ ‘Pray...be loving...be forgiving...feed the hungry...go to Confession’. ‘Do I have to...?’ In many cases the answer is the same, be it from parents or from GOD; ‘Yes, I can do it, but that’s not how this works’.

Why do I have to go Confession? The answer is the same that we might give children; ‘because it is good for you’. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is good for us in so many ways. Firstly, it is a Sacrament, so it is a means of receiving Grace. Sacraments are outwards signs of invisible realities Wearing a wedding ring signifies that a person is married, but wearing a ring on the third finger of your left hand does not make a person married. This is where Sacraments are different, they actually accomplish what they signify. Confession accomplishes forgiveness, absolution and reconciliation with GOD, the Church and ourselves. "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with HIM in an intimate friendship... reconciles us with the Church... the forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself...[and] is reconciled with all creation " (CCC #1468 - 1470)

The Church is the Body of Christ and we are all part of it, (see 1 Cor. 12), our sin not only damages our relationship with GOD. Our serious sin can have the effect of breaking our connection with the Church. Our sin also damages the Church, Confession restores those damaged relationships, "...but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members." (CCC # 1469) In addition, ‘...reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation."' Confession is like laying down a heavy burden, if there is something that we have been carrying for a long time, bring it to GOD. There is no expiry date on GOD’s mercy and forgiveness, or nothing so old that cannot be forgiven.

The practice of Confession of sin can be found in the book of Leviticus – (Lev. 5:5). It was also mandated by Jesus. On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and gave them authority to forgive sins – (Jn.20:22-23). HE would only do this if HE wanted us to confess our sins and receive the forgiveness being offered. The Church requires that we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation a minimum of once a year, but that is a pretty low bar. Regular confession reduces the effects of sin in our lives. It sanctifies us and leads us closer to GOD. ‘Be reconciled’. ‘Do I have to...?’

### Jubilee of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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